

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Abstract of the disclosure was objected to for improper language. Claims 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 24 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ainsworth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,924,037). Claims 15, 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ainsworth et al. Claims 21 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ainsworth in view of Takahasi et al. (EP 0590694).

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

ABSTRACT

Attached is a copy of page 4 of the preliminary amendment filed on January 18, 2006. The word “comprising” is no longer present.

Withdrawal of the objection as to the specification is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102(b) Rejections

Claims 13, 14, 16, 19, 20, 22, and 24 to 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ainsworth et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,924,037).

The previous arguments from the last response are incorporated herein.

Ainsworth does not disclose “the laminate being applied to a positive die” or “applying a positive die” as claimed in the present application. Ainsworth discloses applying a film of polyurethane that is applied to each side of the coated wire and fusing the coating together at the edges to entirely encapsulate the coated, insulated wire. The polyurethane films are thermally extruded into film form and brought into contact with the assembly in film form. The polyurethane film is applied hot and contacted with the wire construction by passing through the nip of two compression rollers. Ainsworth does not teach a positive die nor a laminate being applied to a positive die. Extruding and passing the wire construction through compression rollers is not a “laminate being applied to a positive die” as claimed. Nor is the laminate “shaped” as claimed in claim 13. Claim 22 also recites applying a positive die to a laminate.

Extrusion is the act or process of pushing or thrusting out. An extruder is a machine for producing more or less continuous lengths of material sections. A die, on the other hand, is a device used for cutting out, forming or stamping material. Therefore, extruding is different than positive die processing. Moreover, even if given this were the case (which it is not) NO laminate is applied to an extruder in any of the prior art. Each film is extruded separately, i.e. when extruded, no laminate is present in Ainsworth.

35 U.S.C. 103(a) Rejections

Claims 21 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Ainsworth in view of Takahasi et al., EP 0590694.


Claims 21 and 23 depend from claim 13. In view of the comments above with respect to claim 13, withdrawal of the rejections to the claims under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

Respectfully submitted,

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